



AMERICAN SAMOA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (AS-EPA)

Plastic Shopping Bags Ban

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Alternative Plastic Shopping Bag Approval Requirements

Only plastic shopping bags that have been specifically approved by AS-EPA can be distributed in American Samoa. AS-EPA requires the following information for approval of all alternative plastic shopping bags distributed in American Samoa.

- 1. Sample or specifications of the shopping bag to be distributed.**
- 2. Name and contact information of the manufacturer and/or supplier.**
- 3. Invoice from the shipment (when purchased for verification).**
- 4. Provide documentation or certification that the shopping bag is made of a non-petroleum material or that it is compostable and certified as ASTM D6400 compliant.**
- 5. Name and contact information of the business requesting approval.**

AS-EPA will review the above information once it has all been received and then make a determination as to the proposed bags suitability under A.S.C.A. §25.2034.

**NO PLASTIC SHOPPING BAG MAY BE DISTRIBUTED UNTIL
AS-EPA APPROVAL IS GIVEN.**

Distribution of any alternative plastic shopping bags that have not been approved by AS-EPA are subject to citation under the new Plastic Shopping Bag Ban. For more information please stop by AS-EPA at Pago Plaza or call 633-2304.